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Interview Summary

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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☐ Personal (copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

Dahlin, U.S. Patent No. 6,122,263

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Distinguishing features between the Dahlin reference and the present invention were discussed.

After discussion, it is agreed, for example, amended claim 1 is drawn toward the scope of original dependent claim 2. The application of new art for rejecting the claims (e.g., claim 1), in the final rejection was improper. Therefore, the outstanding office action is hereby vacated. There is no time running against the applicant. A new office action will be forthcoming.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

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